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SCHOOL REPORT.

On reviewing the past year we are happy to report a prosperous condition of the schools. With a single exception every session has been fairly successful, and with two or three exceptions all were quite satisfactory; while we have some model teachers. Concerning those matters which pertain to our schools we ought to be a unit. No jealousy or sectional feeling should ever enter the annual school meeting. We commit an important trust to the Prudential Committee, and one who does not appreciate the responsibility, is unfit for the office. Generally the Superintending Committee is able to recommend teachers especially fitted for the several schools. In some of the weaker districts it is the custom to give board during the Summer and Autumn, and thus secure three terms per year. This plan has also served to promote union and harmony. We earnestly recommend this plan in all the districts where it is necessary.

We take this opportunity to thank the parents and citizens for visiting the schools so generally. There were six hundred and seventeen visits; an average of nearly twenty per session.

There has been an aggregate of two hundred and three pupils, an increase of fifteen over last year. There have also been three hundred and five weeks of school, an increase of eleven. We would remind the teacher and Prudential Committee that the Superintendent is subjected to a fine of fifty dollars if he does not make satisfactory returns to the State Superintendent, and it is necessary that the registers be completely made out, particularly those items in the summary. Please consult "Extracts from the School Laws."

DISTRICT REPORT.

DISTRICT No. 1.—The Summer term was under the care of Miss Ella F. Marshall of Keene. The teacher manifested energy and zeal. The discipline was not satisfactory, but home influence was a greater hindrance than any lack on the teacher's part.

During the Fall term Miss Emma Hutchins was very successful. Her school was orderly, and the advancement was especially apparent.

Miss Adelle L. Proctor taught the Winter term. Her standard of discipline and instruction is high. Her efforts were appreciated, and her term's work was a real success.

DISTRICT No. 2.—Miss Helen F. Haskell of Keene, taught the Summer term, and Miss Alice M. Holman of Chesterfield, the Fall term; both sessions were satisfactory. Miss Holman is especially interesting in her manner of conducting recitations.

DISTRICT No. 3.—Miss Adelle L. Proctor taught the Summer and Fall terms, and Miss Julia A. Britton the Winter term. Both teachers excel as disciplinarians. Both devote all their energies to promote the best interests of their pupils, and both receive well earned praise. Miss Britton's uninterrupted success is due to her unselfish devotion to her work.

DISTRICT No 4.—Miss Emma F. Snow of Chesterfield, taught a satisfactory term in the Summer, and Miss Lois W. Leach was equally successful in her management of the Winter session. Both teachers have a well-established reputation.

DISTRICT No. 5.—During the Summer session Miss Grace L. Gleason interested her pupils in drawing and penmanship. The teacher was enthusiastic in this department, and the pupils made excellent progress; but she was not acquainted with the general management of country schools.

Miss Gertrude F. Cowdrey taught two excellent terms during the Fall and Winter.

DISTRICT No. 6.—Miss Vesta B. Chickering taught the

Summer and Winter terms, and Miss Adele Chickering the Fall term. These sessions were entirely satisfactory. We wish there were more such teachers.

DISTRICT No. 7.—Miss Annis F. Farnum of Keene, taught the Summer school. The teacher did her work faithfully and conscientiously. Miss Ada E. Kathan taught the Fall term. Miss Kathan entered upon her work with enthusiasm, and promises to make an excellent teacher. This was certainly a good beginning.

DISTRICT No. 8.—Miss Mary I. Robertson did a good term's work in the Summer. Earnest and painstaking she is destined, we expect, to take a high rank as a teacher. Miss Vesta B. Chickering taught the Fall term, with her usual success.

Miss Minnie C. White of Grafton, Vt., taught the Winter term. Miss White is thorough, and understands her duties. Her examination was very satisfactory.

DISTRICT No. 9.—Miss Gertrude F. Cowdrey was in charge of the Summer session. This was an exceedingly pleasant and profitable term.

Miss Anna C. Chamberlain taught the Fall term with success, and Miss Emma Hutchins the Winter term. Miss Hutchins gave excellent satisfaction. Some special attention was given to music, with gratifying results; we wish every teacher was qualified to give musical instruction.

DISTRICT No. 10.—Miss S. Abbie Spooner of Charleston, had charge of this school during the entire year. She kept a complete record of the standing of her pupils. We also commend the pronunciation of syllables in spelling. We can not speak in too high terms of Miss Spooner as a thorough and systematic teacher. We hope she will return to teach in town the ensuing year.

DISTRICT No. 11.—This school had the good fortune to retain an excellent teacher during the year. Miss Estelle F. Sargent has accomplished results that will never cease to be appreciated. We shall always extend a cordial welcome to such teachers.

DISTRICT No. 12—Miss Eva L. McIntyre of North Chester, Vt., taught the Summer term. Miss McIntyre instructs with an enthusiasm rarely witnessed. Her success was complete. We hope to see her in charge of some of our schools again.

The Fall term was taught by Miss Julia A. Britton. This teacher has had considerable experience in the most difficult schools in town, and has been very successful. She always commands the support of those who desire thorough discipline and first-class instruction.

JAMES B. MASON.

Superintendent of Schools.

ROLL OF HONOR.

FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR. — Mabel I. Briggs, Myra W. Burt, Anna L. Burt, Cless D. Britton, May E. Emery, Hugh D. Emery, Bertie L. D. Farr, Lillian J. Hall, Henry G. Hall, Lenna B. Jarvis, John W. Nesmith, Myrtie E. Rawson, Herbert B. Wilcox.

FOR TWO TERMS. — Charles H. Aiken, Mary L. Britton, Carl D. Britton, Edna H. Cook, Alice J. Chickering, David Cahalane, Gertrude M. Cobb, Willie Cobb, Leslie Converse, Guy C. Emery, Robert J. Fuller, Flora A. Kathan, Walter S. Nesmith, Bertie C. Parker, Wilfrid G. Reed, Hortensia A. Veazey, Theodore Webber, Willie Webber, Eustine Wringer, Emma O. Wright, Sarah J. Wright.

FOR ONE TERM. — Ella D. Aiken, Roy C. Aiken, Estella Aldrich, Bennie O. Aldrich, Clara F. Bill, George E. Bigelow, Sydney H. Bigelow, Myra O. Briggs, Willie E. Bennett, Arthur G. Bennett, Frank J. Bennett, Lenna B. Britton, Willie H. Burt, Earl H. Burt, John Cahalane, Daniel Cahalane, Alfred A. Chickering, Gertrude M. Cook, James Cotte, Vinie A. Cobleigh, Charles Davenport, Ira C. Emery, Florence J. Foster, Anna R. Foster, Hattie D. Fletcher, Lizzie B. Fletcher, Levi K. Greene, Walter L. Green, Agnes M. Hall, Bertha M. Hall, Lenna J. Hall, Mary E. Hubbard, Jessie M. Hutchins, Myrtie E. Kathan, Luanna A. Leach, Lewis Mahogany, Henry Nash, Myrtie B. Parker, Kate W. Perry, Minnie B. Richardson, Frank S. Shelley, Willie S. Starkey, Irving Thompson, Clifton A. Thompson, Leonard D. Warren, Maurice F. Wheeler, Ida M. White, John C. Webber.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

Districts.	No. of different scholars attending during the year.	Total length of school in weeks.	Instances of Tardiness.			Instances of Dismissal.			Number of days' Absence.			No. of Visitors, including Committee.			Wages of Teachers per month, including board.			Amount of money to each scholar.
			Summer.	Fall.	Winter.	Summer.	Fall.	Winter.	Summer.	Fall.	Winter.	Summer.	Fall.	Winter.	Summer.	Fall.	Winter.	
No. 1,	29	25.6	1	23	10	15	45	15	54	209	99	27	21	14	\$22	\$24	\$29	\$6.41
No. 2,	8	21	2	0	7	3	3	3	70	129	22	29	22	21	20	24	22	16.25
No. 3,	90	27	0	0	6	0	3	40	68	129	120	37	22	30	22	24	23	9.60
No. 4,	18	18	1	1	30	13	6	1	17	101	126	14	11	9	20	20	28	6.81
No. 5,	7	32	4	21	13	1	1	2	52	43	35	11	21	7	20	20	20	21.57
No. 6,	11	31	11	8	12	0	0	0	39	43	35	20	15	12	20	20	20	13.02
No. 7,	8	19.8	7	0	8	1	0	0	93	66	11	11	13	13	16	22	24	14.77
No. 8,	14	28.6	4	4	0	1	2	0	81	41	104	37	17	26	20	22	24	9.86
No. 9,	11	25.5	0	15	3	0	1	5	41	50	98	7	10	11	19	20	24	12.35
No. 10,	35	28.5	1	22	33	5	8	1	41	93	204	34	19	21	19	28	30	6.02
No. 11,	27	30	2	12	12	0	17	2	40	182	270	16	15	27	23	25	30	8.11
No. 12,	15	18	12	10	10	2	5	18	90	96	17	17	26	15	22	24	24	8.90

REPORT OF SELECTMEN AND TREASURER.

APRIL INVOICE OF 1882.

270 polls,	\$ 27,000 00
Real estate, resident,	372,422 00
Real estate, non-resident,	17,784 00
327 horses	19,795 00
131 oxen,	8,155 00
685 cows,	20,228 00
644 neat stock,	14,653 00
1874 sheep,	6,001 00
17 hogs,	212 00
25 carriages,	1,470 00
Stock in public funds,	5,650 00
Stock in banks,	10,400 00
Money on hand or at interest,	76,665 00
Stock in trade,	7,580 00
Mills and ferries,	1,950 00
	\$589,965 00

ASSESSMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1882.

For support of schools,	\$1,543 50
State tax,	1,764 00
County tax,	1,289 23
Voted to raise for repairs of the town hall,	200 00
Voted to raise for gallery in the town hall,	150 00
Overlay,	185 96
	\$5,132 69
Total tax raised,	
Rate per cent. of tax on \$100.00, .87.	

Special tax, School Dist. No. 1, (old),	\$165 00
Overlay,	5 78
After assessment of tax,	9 94
Tax on 53 dogs,	53 00
Tax on 2 female dogs,	4 00
Whole amount of taxes committed to the Collector for collection,	\$5,370 41

SCHOOLS, AND DIVISION OF MONEY.

Raised tax, assessment required by law,	\$1,543 50
Derived from interest of town literary fund,	106 36
“ “ State “ “	93 74
“ “ Fox donation,	60 00
“ “ dog tax,	83 00
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	\$1,886 60

Districts. Number	Valuation.	One-half by Valuation.	One-half Equally.	Orders. Paid.
1,	\$67,720	\$107 70	\$78 19	\$185 89
“ 2,	32,548	51 78	78 19	129 97
“ 3,	71,715	113 95	78 19	192 14
“ 4,	25,611	40 77	78 19	118 96
“ 5,	45,771	72 80	78 19	150 99
“ 6,	40,919	65 09	78 19	143 28
“ 7,	25,121	39 97	78 19	118 16
“ 8,	37,624	59 87	78 19	138 06
“ 9,	36,275	57 72	78 19	135 91
“ 10,	83,243	132 38	78 19	210 57
“ 11,	88,619	140 93	78 19	219 12
“ 12,	34,799	55 36	78 19	133 55
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	\$589,965	\$938 32	\$938 28	\$1,876 60

Error of \$10.00 that was not divided with school money,	10 00
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	\$1,886 60
Paid special school tax, No. 1, (old),	165 00
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	\$2,051 60

PAID OUTSTANDING CLAIMS.

Prudence Cole,	\$1 37	
Ebenezer Leach,	2 00	
George F. Kathan,	1 50	
Charles Knight, witness fees,	2 00	
Anson Burbee, use of water,	1 50	
John B. Osborne, breaking roads,	5 50	
James M. Cowdrey, work on highway,	3 62	
S. C. Bouvier, breaking roads,	3 88	
Mrs. A. Chamberlain, use of water,	1 50	
C. L. Shaw, plank and work,	40	
H. K. White, work on highway,	2 38	
	<hr/>	\$25 65
Highways and Bridges,		\$953 78
Expended for railings,		\$21 85
W. E. Cullin, snowing bridge,		\$1 00
Breaking roads,		\$3 00

PAID FOR LUMBER AND TIMBER.

Jewett E. Buffum,	\$18 28	
James Buffum,	2 00	
W. N. Patten	13 74	
E. B. Butterfield,	21 80	
David Livingston,	1 00	
F. W. Pierce,	7 00	
Leonard Wilcox,	50 74	
Jewett E. Buffum,	18	
Thompson & Britton,	8 27	
A. Thompson,	1 17	
Mrs. A. Chamberlain,	79	
W. G. Kendall,	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$126 47

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

G. H. Tilden & Co., books and stationery,	\$3 00
J. D. Colony & Sons, printing town reports,	28 75
I. A. Loveland, 21 certificates of births and deaths,	5 25

John F. Butler, 2 certificates of births and deaths,	\$ 50
E. J. Farr, damages on highway,	10 00
Bounties on 59 crows,	5 90
Humphrey Machine Co., road-scraper,	60 00
George C. Wells, blacksmith, bill,	6 90
N. H. Sentinel, bill-heads,	2 00
Davis Wright, & Co. stove and sink,	16 00
Freight on " "	25
Recording deed of land, for hearse-house,	55
John Works, stationery and postage stamps,	1 00
Rebecca Aldrich, land damage,	10 00
C. M. Scovill, bounty on 3 lynx,	3 00
Jasper Hall, bolts for bridge,	40
Batchelder & Faulkner, retainers,	6 00
Emerline Livingston, nails,	36
Warren & Leonard, " "	1 49
L. W. Aldrich, blank check lists,	50
H. F. Cowdrey, driving hearse,	12 00
W. B. Britton, sheep killed by dogs	3 00
G. H. Tilden & Co., order book,	6 00
John Cowdrey, error in Treasurer's acct. of '81,	25 49
Anson Burbee, use of water,	1 50
C. M. Scovill, " "	1 50
Charles Butterfield, " "	1 50
Heber B. Cole, " "	1 50
S. B. Gary, " "	1 50
Harriet Cole, " "	1 50
S. C. Hall, " "	1 00
Jasper Hall, " "	1 50
Almira Chamberlain, " "	1 50
	————— \$221 34

SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

Paid James M. Greeley, board E. Hackett,	\$8 50
James Moriarty, board of Ebenezer Hackett,	90 00
James Moriarty, making clothing,	1 75
Warren & Leonard, " "	8 33
	————— \$108 58

James M. Greeley, board of Emma Graves,	\$66 78	
Warren & Leonard, shoes for	1 40	
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		\$68 18
George S. Aldrich, board and extra care of		
Henry Hall to March 1st, 1833,	\$63 90	
Making clothing,	1 00	
W. A. Burt, clothing,	5 88	
G. W. Chamberlain, medical attendance,	6 25	
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		\$77 03
G. J. Bennett, aid of Draco Goodridge,	141 06	
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		\$394 85

AID FOR COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid G. W. Chamberlain for medical attend-		
ance, Richard Blake,	\$12 00	
G. W. L. Wilbur, care Richard Blake,	20 00	
Philo S. Wilbur, supplies furnished Richard		
Blake,	8 80	
G. W. Chamberlain, medical attendance for		
Tyler Lincoln,	12 50	
Betsey Reynolds, care of Tyler Lincoln,	25 00	
Henry B. Hall, board of Elvira Allen,	11 00	
George Wood, care of George Briggs 56 days,	56 00	
Mrs. John Wood, on account of expenses of		
George O. Briggs,	82 50	
G. W. Chamberlain, medical attendance for		
George O. Briggs,	21 75	
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		\$249 55
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Total pauper expenses,		\$644 40

FOR REPAIRS OF TOWN HALL.

Paid Willard Evans for slate,	\$134 23
H. J. Dutton, for hauling slate,	10 31
“ “ rods to support chimney,	2 00
G. F. Kathan, work on town hall,	27 25
W. L. Hopkins, do.	7 50
O. J. Ware, do.	4 40
H. Bennett, board of help,	10 50
G. F. Kathan, for building gallery,	93 50
Knowlton & Stone, cement and Cal. plaster,	1 09
C. L. Aiken, cleaning walls and plastering,	90 20
G. F. Kathan, work and material furnished,	43 69
Warren & Leonard, door-knob, nails, &c.,	5 44
H. F. Cowdery, labor,	2 00
W. O. Dinsmoor, “	10 00
G. C. Wells, rods and hooks,	1 85
Leonard Wilcox, lumber,	11 68
Cheshire County, tarred paper,	3 16
John Cowdery, labor and materials,	14 37
Emeline Livingston, nails,	1 65
Edwin J. Goodnow, work,	50

 \$475 32

TOWN HALL.

Received for rent,	\$12 00.
Paid Warren & Leonard, $1\frac{3}{4}$ cords wood,	\$ 5 13
“ “ 6 lamp chimneys,	42
A. C. Adams, for cleaning town hall,	3 75
“ “ oil and chimneys,	38
D. A. Cowdery, sawing and piling wood,	68
G. H. Bennett, Janitor,	3 00
“ “ work at hall,	70
“ “ brackets,	30
“ “ sawing and piling wood,	1 75
“ “ kerosene,	1 80
“ “ broom,	35
C. L. Aiken, $1\frac{1}{2}$ cords wood,	6 00

 \$24 18

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid John Works, Selectman,	\$92 00
Jasper Hall, “	65 00
Oscar J. Ware, “	45 25
Nat F. Dunbar, Supervisor,	10 00
Leonard Wilcox, “	10 00
L. W. Aldrich, “	10 00
Edwin J. Goodnow, Town Clerk,	20 26
James B. Mason, Supt. School Committee,	58 00
John Cowdery, Treasurer,	18 00
Nat F. Dunbar, Collector of Taxes,	50 00
W. E. Cullen, selectman service,	2 00
J. E. Buffum, Auditor,	2 00
W. J. Reed, “	2 00
	<hr/> \$384 51

RECAPITULATION.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid outstanding orders,	\$ 25 65
Schools,	1,876 60
Special School District No. 1, (old)	165 00
Paupers, aid of—County,	249 55
Paupers, aid of—Town,	394 85
Bounties,	8 90
State tax,	1,764 00
County tax,	1,289 23
Lumber and timber,	126 47
Labor on highways and bridges,	953 78
Snowing bridges,	1 00
Expended on railings,	21 85
Town hall account,	24 18
Town hall repairs,	475 32
Incidental expenses,	221 34
Town Officers,	384 51
Breaking roads,	3 00
	<hr/> \$7,985 23
Abatements,	\$10 12

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LIABILITIES.

Willard Bill, Jr, note,	\$443 29
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ASSETS.

Accrued interest on note B. J. Leach,	\$ 29 92
“ “ S. B. Aldrich,	42 25
Due from State on bounties paid,	8 90
Due from County on pauper account,	208 75
Cash in treasury,	100 38
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Indebtedness of the town,	\$53 09

FUNDS HELD IN TRUST.

Literary fund derived from the State, principal applied in payment of town debt; interest thereof applied annually to schools,	\$1,772 67
Fox fund, legacy of Eliphalet Fox,	\$1,000 00
Invested in note of B. J. Leach,	250 00
“ “ Samuel Aldrich,	750 00
(Both notes secured by mortgage on real-estate—interest applied to schools.)	
Lord Fund, legacy of Jotham Lord deposited in Cheshire Savings Bank; amount due April 1st, 1883,	728 13
Dog tax,	57 00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN WORKS,
 JASPER HALL,
 OSCAR J. WARE,

Selectmen of Westmoreland.

JOHN COWDERY, *Treasurer.*

We the undersigned, Auditors, having examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer of said town, do report that we have attended to that duty, and believe said report to be correct and properly vouched.

G. E. BUFFUM,
 WILLARD BILL, JR.

March 1, 1883.

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